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TSUNAMI LATEST**January 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:31)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that the US had pledged \$350-million for tsunami relief efforts. But the problem for relief agencies was that the tsunami knocked out so many roads and rails, that it was making it extremely difficult to get the food, water and medical supplies to the victims who needed it most.

STATE OF THE STATE**January 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:53)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported the details on the State of the State Address given by Governor Schwarzenegger's that night. The Governor called for the legislature to focus on fixing the \$8-Billion state budget deficit, by restructuring the pension plan for state workers, reforming the standards for judging and rewarding teachers and overturning the system for drawing legislative district maps in California.

IRAQ ELECTION**January 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:56)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that as the countdown to Election 2005 neared in Iraq, there was still the possibility that the historic event could be postponed. But President Bush was not one of the people admitting that the election could be delayed.

SHARON/ABBAS**January 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:17)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that though Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas was just elected to office the previous Sunday, Israel was already announcing that it was severing contact with him, after a bombing and shooting attack at a Gaza border crossing. Militants were apparently stepping up their attacks in recent months, in an attempt to force the Israelis out of Gaza.

INAUGURATION PRAYER**January 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:20)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the traditional inaugural prayer would go on as planned when President Bush would be sworn in for a second term the following week. A federal judge rejected an

atheist's bid to prevent a Christian prayer from being recited at the Bush inauguration.

GOVERNOR ARNOLD

January 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:45)

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone showed her one-on-one interview with Governor Schwarzenegger in this special report. The Governor was making good on his promise to take his plan to reform California to the people. He was also continuing his bid to increase public support for his sweeping reforms.

VOTERS/IRAQI REGISTRATION

January 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:38)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that less than two weeks away would be a milestone in Iraqi politics—Democratic elections. Voter registration also began in fourteen countries, including the US, where Iraqis living abroad could cast absentee ballots. And the only place to vote in the West was right here in Southern California.

LAX/LAPD MERGER

January 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported live from downtown LA that the LA City Council cast a deciding vote to draft a measure for the people to decide whether to consolidate the LAPD and the LAX-PD under one command. The proposed measure would remove a provision of the city charter that gives the LAX-PD autonomy. The idea heated up ever since KCAL9's undercover investigation showing airport officers taking extended breaks and ignoring radio calls.

MAYOR DEBATE

January 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan gave a live wrap-up of the debate he moderated that night between the leading candidates for LA Mayor. Mayor Jim Hahn was conspicuously absent from the gathering in Sherman Oaks that night.

SENATE CONFIRMATION

January 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:43)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted that day to confirm Condoleezza Rice as Secretary of State—but not before Rice underwent some harsh questioning by members of the Committee. For the past two days, Rice was questioned about her role in shaping the Bush administration's war policy.

CONDOLEEZA CONFIRMATION**January 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:57)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Condoleeza Rice won a strong endorsement from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that day. After two days of rigorous questioning, her nomination was now moving to the full Senate.

PENDLETON REGISTRATION**January 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:28)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported on the first Democratic election in Iraq in decades, and how even Iraqi nationals here in the US can vote. One of the polling places was at the El Toro Marine Base, and Iraqis from all over the Western US were arriving, waiting in line for hours just to register to vote.

RICE DEBATE**January 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:33)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported that the Senate was set to vote the following day on the nomination of Secretary of State nominee Condoleeza Rice. That day, Democrats heaped praise and condemnation on Rice during an intense day-long debate. The session also put laser focus on Bush administration policy in Iraq.

TORTURE ALLEGATIONS**January 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:34)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that there were more allegations of torture against Iraqi detainees. The allegations came from a new report from the group known as Human Rights Watch.

MADDOX/HOFFENBLUM**January 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 5:19)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that the Democrats wanted to bruise the Bush administration during the cabinet confirmation hearings. KCAL9's two strategists Kerman Maddox and Allan Hoffenblum were in studio to give their perspective on that day's developments in national, state and city politics.

IRAQ VIOLENCE**January 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:49)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that five American soldiers died when their Bradley fighting vehicle careened into a canal northeast of Baghdad on Monday night. A sixth US soldier died of injuries from an earlier roadside bomb.

CRASH/PENDLETON**January 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that it was a deadly day in the battle for Iraq—one of the deadliest since the war began nearly two years ago. At least 36 Americans died in Iraq that day, including 31 Marines who were killed in a helicopter crash near the town of Rutba.

RICE CONFIRMED**January 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:32)**

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that Condoleeza Rice would take over as Secretary of State the following day. The Senate confirmed her nomination by a vote of 85 to 13, but the battle over her nomination continued until the last minute.

IRAQI VOTING**January 28, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:20)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported live from Irvine, where Iraqis here in Southern California were lined up to cast votes in the historic first elections of the 'post-Saddam Hussein' era.

IRAQ ELECTIONS**January 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:27)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that in less than 24 hours, the voting would begin in Iraq. The ballot lists the candidates for the new Iraqi National Assembly and their party affiliation. Voters would be choosing 275 national lawmakers and governing councils in 18 provinces.

IRAQ VOTE**January 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:00)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported on the historic election in Iraq. Voters in Iraq were still celebrating their chance to go to the polls. Ballots were being counted, but it could be days before the results would be known.

IRAQ**February 1, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Teri Okita reported from Baghdad that Iraq was anxiously awaiting the results of Sunday's historic election. In the meantime, the interim president was saying it would be foolish for coalition troops to leave now.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES**February 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:16)**

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that candidates in the race to be LA's next Mayor were expected to spend millions of dollars...on television ads.

STATE OF THE UNION**February 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:48)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Bush urged Congress to join him in reforming Social Security and continuing the fight for liberty in Iraq and the Middle East.

ARNOLD SCHOOLS**February 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:15)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegenger reported live from Norco, where Governor Schwarzenegger was promoting his plans for education reform. The Governor held a rally at Norco High School, wherein he said that his budget increases spending on education by 2.9 billion dollars, and said California should have more vocational schools.

U.S. SOLDIERS KILLED**February 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:25)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that it had been a deadly 24 hours in Iraq. A string of attacks killed two U.S. soldiers and at least 33 Iraqis. Video showed the scene of one attack in the port city of Basra—a roadside bombing that killed four Iraqi National Guardsmen.

MAYORAL DEBATE PREVIEW**February 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that there was just over one month and counting that night until LA voters would decide if Mayor James Hahn would serve another term. The following night, KCAL9 was hosting an in-studio debate with the major candidates.

BUSH BUDGET**February 7, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Donelan reported that the President's new budget proposal made its way to Congress that day. The plan calls for major cutbacks in a large number of federal programs. The President's proposed budget calls for increased funding for homeland security, with American travelers helping to foot the bill—the White House wants to hike the fees airline travelers pay from \$2.50 to \$5.50 for each leg of a round trip ticket.

FATAL SHOOTING**February 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from South LA that the fallout from Sunday's shooting death of a 13-year-old by LA Police had moved quickly, as had the action by Chief Bratton and city officials. They were working to change policy, fast.

CITY SALES TAX**February 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:26)**

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that earlier that day the LA City Council voted down a proposal to place a tax-for-cops measure on the ballot. It came in the wake of Sunday's shooting death of a 13-year-old car theft suspect. What resulted was a fiery City Hall session with charges and counter charges flying.

POLICE TAX**February 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:03)**

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that LA's Mayor and police officials said they were a long way from giving up their fight for a sales tax increase to pay for more police and paramedic services. The City Council voted down the plan the day before. The Mayor and his opponents both said they'd take their case to the voters.

PROPOSED LAPD POLICY**February 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:06)**

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from Baldwin Park that Police Chief William Bratton was issuing a new policy to his department about when they can and can not shoot at moving vehicles. The shooting death of a 13-year-old driver sparked outrage in the community.

MAYORS RACE**February 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:21)**

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported the campaign was close, with no clear favorite. LA voters had only three more weeks to make up their minds.

HOMELAND SECURITY**February 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:39)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported on a disturbing new report out that night involving Al Qaeda. The United Nations document predicts future Al Qaeda attacks even worse than 9/11.

LAPD POLICY**February 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that the LA Police Commission had just approved new restrictions on when officers can shoot at moving cars. The deadly police shooting of a Southland teenager prompted this major policy change at the LAPD.

ARNOLD IN DC**February 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:07)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported that Governor Schwarzenegger was in Washington DC, and his mission was to bring home billions of dollars he says the state is owed by the federal government. The Governor pulled together California's 53 members of Congress—Republicans and Democrats who have not met for a year—to strategize on a common goal.

BUSH/REFORM BILL**February 18, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:40)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that the President signed a major reform bill into law. The new law means big changes in class action lawsuits, and it also triggered a war of words between consumer activists and business interests.

SECRET TAPES/BUSH**February 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:50)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that secretly recorded audio tapes were shedding new light on some of the fears and concerns of President Bush...before he was elected President. They were made when he was still Governor of Texas and considering running for the White House.

GOVERNOR AT NORTHROP**February 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:35)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Governor Schwarzenegger visited Southern California that day. He was on a mission to keep California's military bases from being shut down. He toured Los Angeles Air Force Base, then later discussed the key role the military installations played while visiting Northrop Grumman.

CITY WORKERS KILLED**February 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:53)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a day after an assault weapon was used to kill two LA city workers, Senator Dianne Feinstein said she will reintroduce legislation to ban such weapons. 25-year-old Thomas

Sampson was booked for murder in the double shooting. Investigators said Sampson and the victims worked for the Bureau of Street Services.

BIN LADEN/ZARQAWI

February 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that there were reports that night of recent communications between two top terror leaders, and that had U.S. Homeland Security officials worried. The communications were sketchy and didn't mention specific locations, but it was clear that Osama Bin Laden seemed once again to be focusing on U.S. targets.

ARNOLD AGENDA

March 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:27)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that Governor Schwarzenegger was taking his battle with state lawmakers straight to the voters. That day, he launched a statewide petition drive to get his agenda on a special November ballot. He has proposed overhauling pensions, teacher pay, and the way political districts are drawn.

MAYOR'S RACE/ADS

March 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:21)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that there were five days to go before LA voters would cast their ballots for Mayor, and the campaign was getting even nastier. Mayor Jim Hahn and the two front-runners unveiled new hard-hitting attack ads that day.

LA MAYOR'S RACE

March 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:13)

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported on the final weekend of campaigning in the Los Angeles Mayor's race. The candidates were making all-out appeals to voters. And with just two days to go, the 'fur was beginning to fly'.

ITALIAN JOURNALIST

March 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported on a bittersweet homecoming for an Italian journalist who had been held hostage in Iraq. She was free, but the Intelligence agent who negotiated her release was shot to death by American soldiers. The incident has angered many Italians, and put a severe strain on diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Italy.

SYRIAN TROOP PULLOUT**March 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 reporter Elizabeth Palmer reported from Damascus, that Syria's President was promising a phased pull-out of the troops that have occupied Lebanon for 30 years. The pledge came after massive street demonstrations in Lebanon, and international pressure from the U.S., France, Russia and Saudi Arabia.

MAYOR'S RACE**March 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:05)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported on the last minute campaigning in the Mayor's race. A last minute burst of attack ads, and then it would be up to voters the following day to pick who they'd like to see as the next Mayor of Los Angeles.

CHASE BILL**March 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:15)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from Hollywood that two state Senators were trying to pass a high-speed chase bill called, "Kristie's Law" that will help reduce the number of injuries and death. The policy would state that someone must be in imminent danger in order for police to give chase. California leads the nation in police pursuits, and the number of chase fatalities.

RUNOFF RACE**March 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:40)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that round two was coming up in a rematch of the last LA Mayoral race. LA City Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa beat out all the contenders with a third of the vote, while incumbent Mayor Jim Hahn narrowly beat Bob Hertzberg for second place. Now Hahn and Villaraigosa would begin a 10-week campaign leading up to the runoff election on May 17th.

VOTING APATHY**March 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:01)**

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported that the turnout at the previous day's LA Mayoral election was much less than expected. 1.4 million people could have voted, but more than a million voters sat on their apathy.

RUNOFF RACE**March 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:02)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported details on the primary results as well as the long runoff campaign ahead. Similarly to four

years ago, Antonio Villaraigosa finished on top, and Jim Hahn ran second. But people were wondering if the outcome would be the same in this year's runoff.

BALLOT TROUBLES

March 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:40)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported exclusive details from West Los Angeles—reports were surfacing that night that LA election workers allegedly altered ballots before the votes were counted. And that prompted not only controversy, but an investigation.

VILLARAIGOSA

March 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that Antonio Villaraigosa was trying to maintain his momentum in the race for Mayor. That day he picked up a key endorsement from someone who'd previously supported LA Mayor Jim Hahn.

GOVERNOR KITCHEN CABINET

March 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's pension reform plan was generating more criticism that night. One of the most outspoken critics is the LA County Sheriff.

INKAVOTE

March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Norwalk on the new "Ink-a-Vote" system, and that apparently city employees marked over Mayoral ballots. Now the City Council wants the whole re-inking system re-evaluated, after critics cried foul.

HAHN CAMPAIGNING

March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that Mayor Jim Hahn was fighting to keep his job and spoke with voters in South LA that day, who were gathered at Tolliver's Barbershop. Hahn mentioned the overall drop in crime since he took office. Still, some in the community still hold a grudge against Hahn for the replacement of former Police Chief Bernard Parks.

STEROID HEARING**March 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:15)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that Congress subpoenaed seven major league baseball players—politicians want to know how much they know about steroid use among players. But baseball owners say the hearing is nothing more than grandstanding by lawmakers eager to score with constituents.

HAHN-RUNAWAY PRODUCTION**March 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:04)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that both Mayor Hahn and his challenger Villaraigosa were pulling out all the stops to win over Parks and Hertzberg supporters from South LA and the valley. And Antonio Villaraigosa got two significant endorsements since the primary—one in south LA, and one that day from a respected assemblyman who some people call "the mayor of the San Fernando Valley."

BASEBALL STEROIDS**March 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from Chavez Ravine on that day's Congressional hearing. Congress examined the use of steroids in major league baseball. Some of the biggest stars in baseball testified on Capital Hill, fielding some tough questions and dodging others.

SCHIAVO FIGHT**March 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:14)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on the right-to-die case that has dragged on for more than a dozen years—and finally, the drama of a brain-damaged Florida woman was possibly coming to an end. Terry Schiavo's parents wanted to keep her alive, her husband did not, and the legal system would get the final word.

BASEBALL STEROIDS**March 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from Dodger Stadium with details on that day's powerful and emotional testimony. Some of baseball's biggest stars came to Washington to testify on Capitol Hill. They were called by a House committee investigating steroid use in baseball.

IRAQ/PROTESTS**March 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:18)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that from Hollywood to New York to Rome, it was a day of massive demonstration on this 2nd anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. Two years after the U.S. led coalition forces invaded Iraq, thousands of anti-war protesters marched in the streets that day.

SCHIAVO LATEST**March 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:46)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Browdee reported that on Capitol Hill, lawmakers reached a compromise that could affect the outcome of the Terri Schiavo case.

SCHIAVO**March 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:32)**

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that Terri Schiavo's life was in the hands of a federal judge that night—and time was critical, as Schiavo continued to live without a feeding tube. Her parents were able to get a federal hearing that day, because of a law signed before dawn by President Bush. It gave a federal review of the Florida case, with power to restore the feeding tube.

GOVERNOR/BUDGET CUTS**March 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:13)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported on more visible opposition to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's state reform proposals. Top elected Democratic leaders held news conferences here in the Southland and in Sacramento, to take him on.

SCHIAVO LATEST**March 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:36)**

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that Terry Schiavo's parents were running out of courthouses and their lawyers running out of arguments. That night, the Schindlers' legal team asked a federal judge in Tampa for a temporary injunction to keep their daughter alive. But U.S. District judge James Whitmore adjourned for the night without decision.

SCHIAVO FRIDAY**March 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:45)**

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that Terri Schiavo's father said his daughter was nearing death. That night, a three-judge federal appeals court panel rejected the latest request by Schiavo's parents to

have her feeding tube reinserted. It was the third time in four days the court denied an emergency request by Schiavo's parents.

BUSH APPROVAL RATING**March 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:13)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Bush's job approval rating was at the lowest level ever. There could be many reasons, but observers said the continuing controversy over Terri Schiavo may have played a role in dragging down his poll numbers.

MAYORAL DEBATE**March 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:28)**

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported live from the mid-Wilshire district with more on the two candidates for Los Angeles Mayor back on the campaign trail that afternoon. The previous night, they met face to face in the first televised debate of the runoff race.

HIT AND RUN**January 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:42)**

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from the San Fernando Valley with the latest on the police investigation to find a driver involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident.

BAD BOYZ BANDITS**January 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:32)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile gave an exclusive look at the final crime that put an alleged "Bad Boyz" bandit behind bars. He is possibly linked with an accomplice to more than three-dozen bank robberies.

MALE NURSE SEARCH**January 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live with the latest information on the search for a male nurse accused of assaulting a female patient while she was recovering from surgery. Investigators feared that there were several other victims at perhaps a number of Southland hospitals.

TEACHER ARRESTED**January 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:48)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from Orange with the latest on an investigation into a sex scandal at an Orange County middle school. A teacher was behind bars, accused of having sex with two 13-year-old boys.

FINE DINING ROBBERY**January 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported on a string of robberies in the San Fernando Valley. Robbers had been targeting some upscale establishments, and using terrifying tactics to do so.

AMBER ALERT**January 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from Venice with the latest on an Amber Alert out that night for a two-year-old boy. The child—Jason Murdock-Steele—was grabbed from his mother's arms in Venice. The boy had been at the center of a custody dispute.

CIVIL RIGHTS TRIAL**January 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:09)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on that day's arraignment of a reputed former leader of the Klan—charged in the shooting deaths of three civil rights workers in 1964. This arraignment comes forty years after these killings that had inspired the movie, "Mississippi Burning". He is the first murder suspect to be charged in the case in all these years.

LASERS AIRPLANES**January 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:06)**

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported details on a new plan that could help catch culprits who point laser beams at pilots in cockpits. This came after an airliner was targeted above Burbank airport.

SON KILLS PARENTS**January 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Parker Center with the very latest on a South LA woman who was kidnapped at gunpoint from her job that morning by her ex-boyfriend. In addition to this, his parents were found murdered in their home. Police were trying to find out if these crimes were connected.

BOSTON TERROR THREAT**January 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)**

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from Westwood on a terror alert. A tip was turned in to the California Highway Patrol at our border with Mexico, and pictures of four Chinese nationals were released, who were said to be headed to the Boston area, along with two Iraqis.

SAN MARINO COACH**January 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:59)**

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from San Marino High School, on the coach of the girls' basketball team there, who was celebrating a victory off the court that night. He filed a lawsuit against the city for naming him as a suspect in a sexual molestation case, and won millions of dollars in damages.

HIT AND RUN**January 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:44)**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that the search was on for a hit and run driver who ran over a Pasadena grandfather as he stepped off

a bus. Pedro Quintanilla was struck and killed on the corner of 71st and Main Street in South LA—it was his first bus ride since the recent death of his wife of 55 years, with whom he had enjoyed riding the bus with for decades.

SURVEILLANCE CAMS

January 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from Hollywood, on the new high-tech way to fight crime that city officials unveiled that day. Five surveillance cameras would soon be operating along Hollywood Boulevard.

UNSOLVED MURDER

January 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that the families of three murder victims were pleading for the public's help. They joined Santa Ana police to announce a reward for information leading to the killers.

AIRPLANE TERROR

January 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:34)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from Bob Hope Airport in Burbank with details on a discouraging report about protecting US commercial airliners from being shot down by terrorists. A new study said that a jetliner anti-missile system is simply too expensive.

DEADLY DERAILMENT

January 26, Special KCAL9 News Update (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from Glendale with the latest on the deadly derailment that had just taken place there.

DERAILMENT SUSPECT

January 28, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from Glendale with the very latest on the derailment suspect. That day, Juan Manuel Alvarez faced a judge to hear the charges against him. He's accused of triggering the chain reaction that led to the week's deadly derailment.

SAN BERNARDINO

January 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported live from the scene where the police chase ended at 16th & Mount Vernon in San Bernardino. Two carjacking suspects were in custody that night. One of them was shot and wounded after the chase. The hijacked SUV crashed and

overturned, and inside police found a suspect wanted in connection with another brutal crime.

TRAIN CLEAN-UP/SUSPECT

January 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:29)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from the crash scene in Glendale, where a painstaking process was underway that night, as rubble was being moved away and work crews moved in. The man accused of causing the deadly Metrolink crash made his first court appearance. Juan Manuel Alvarez faced murder charges in the deaths of 11 passengers killed.

AMBER ALERT

January 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegenger reported that a Rialto family had a big sigh of relief that day—their six-year-old daughter was back home safe. The previous night, the girl was in her mother's car when a man stole the car with her in it!

ATHLETE PARTY MURDER

January 31, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from San Pedro with details on the athlete gunned down by gang gunfire. But the athlete had no gang connections. One suspect was behind bars, and LA city leaders were saying that this crime is more proof that LA needs to put more police officers on the street.

OC HOMICIDE

January 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported details on the suspect behind bars that night, accused of running over and killing an Orange County woman in her parking garage. The woman was on her way to work and apparently didn't even know her attacker.

TORRANCE ASSAULT

February 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported live from Torrance, to talk about a flight attendant who was nearly raped at gunpoint at the Torrance Hilton on Hawthorne Boulevard the previous weekend. It is a hotel frequented by flight attendants.

ART THEIF STING**February 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)**

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that a Southland doctor was accused of trying to sell fake artwork for hundreds of millions of dollars. Surveillance tape showed a sting operation that led to the arrest of Dr. Vilas Likhite of Mission Viejo. Likhite was being held on a quarter-million dollars bail.

ARCADIA BEATING**February 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:00)**

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that five Arcadia students could face criminal charges of beating and trying to blackmail a classmate. Those charges could include attempted kidnapping, sexual battery, child endangerment and assault with a deadly weapon. Police arrested six teenagers—four females and two males—after the girl reported the attack to a school resource officer.

BANNING JAIL ESCAPE**February 8, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:30)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegner reported live from Banning to talk about the inmate who scaled a fence at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility there. People in the Inland Empire were told to be on the alert after the inmate escaped.

ELDERLY RAPE**February 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:50)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegner reported live from Ontario with the latest on the police investigation there to find a man suspected of raping a woman. Investigators said he posed as a telephone repairman, then raped and beat the 67-year-old woman in her apartment.

HIT AND RUN**February 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:32)**

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live near the USC campus, with an update on the search for a hit and run driver. The driver was now wanted in the death of a student near USC. The student was crossing west Adams Blvd. to Portland St. when an SUV ran him over and kept going.

PURSUIT FATAL**February 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from South LA with information on a police pursuit that ended in tragedy after the

suspect's van slammed into a minivan carrying a father and his 11-year-old son.

NORWALK STUDENT/TEACHER

February 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from Cypress that a 32-year-old substitute teacher was in trouble that night because of a runaway student. LA County Sheriff's Deputies say they found a missing 13-year-old girl in his Cypress home. Ricardo Arvizu was arrested and booked on suspicious of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

HILLSIDE BURGLARY

February 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:47)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that some burglars were hitting homes in upscale LA Hillside neighborhoods. Police say the ring has pulled off about 100 break-ins over the past year, from the Westside to the Hollywood Hills. The previous night, they broke into a Mount Olympus home while the owners were out, and stole jewelry and coins.

RIALTO MURDER

February 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Rialto, where a robbery turned into murder, and it had all been caught on tape by a surveillance camera. Now the search was on for the suspected killers. A passenger was pulled from their car, forced into the back seat and then shot to death.

TEACHER CHARGES

February 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a substitute teacher from Corvalles Junior High in Norwalk was charged that day with molesting a 13-year-old girl. 32-year-old Ricardo Arvizu faces three counts of committing a lewd act on a child. The crimes reportedly took place over a three-week period while he was teaching at the school.

COLD CASE HONORED

February 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that LAPD Detectives Cliff Shephard and Jose Ramirez were honored that day for going the extra mile to solve a case that dated all the way back to 1987. They used DNA technology to track down and bring back a murder suspect who had fled to Texas.

STOLEN GOODS**February 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported that detectives finally had a break in a rash of burglaries of Hillside homes. They found jewelry and other items stolen from homes in the Hollywood Hills, West LA and Beverly Hills.

STOLEN CARS**February 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that car thieves were on the move here in Southern California. For the past six months they were moving into the South Bay where crime was down in just about every category but one: grand theft auto.

GLENDALE FIRE**March 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:18)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Glendale with the latest on the mystery that night: an elderly woman dead in a suspicious house fire, and the missing man who fled the scene. Police still wanted that man for questioning that night.

KELLER ARREST**March 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:15)**

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from El Segundo, where police were saying they may have solved a murder mystery. The victim's ex-husband was in jail that night. South Bay real estate agent Julia Keller was killed last July...her body found in her car trunk

SEX OFFENDER**March 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:31)**

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported another KCAL9 exclusive investigation. Just across the street from homes full of families, live child molesters and rapists. KCAL9's exclusive investigations have uncovered neighborhoods overrun by sex offenders...and finally, the state is doing something about it.

PARK SAFETY CAMS**March 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that new surveillance cameras were being installed in several LA city parks. They're designed to help police monitor activity, good or bad, on the playgrounds. The installation came just days before the mayoral election, but city officials defended the timing.

BLUDGEONED WOMAN**March 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:56)**

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported that homicide detectives didn't yet know why an 86-year-old La Mirada woman was viciously murdered the previous night, but they were pretty sure the suspect stole her pickup truck.

POLICE CHASES BILL**March 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:39)**

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that in Sacramento that day, two state Senators introduced a bill to curb high speed police pursuits and save lives. Senators Sam Aanestad and Gloria Romero say it's time police think twice before taking off after a suspect at high speeds. "Kristie's Law" is named after a 15-year-old girl who was killed during a police pursuit through a Chico neighborhood in 2002.

STUDENT IMPERSONATION**March 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported that an ex-con was busted for posing as a student at USC. He had a fake identity and even managed to get a room in one of the residence halls. This also is not the first time he has pulled off this masquerade stunt.

JESSE JAMES FOUND**March 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:58)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from near the Markowitz family home with a late breaking story: a big break in the brazen kidnapping and execution-style murder of the 15-year-old west valley teen. Jesse James Hollywood was behind bars that night, captured after nearly five years on the run. He's wanted for hatching the plot to kill Nicholas Markowitz.

ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION**March 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from City of Industry on the story of the girl who was apparently on her way to school when she was attacked...the good Samaritan was nearby when he said he heard her scream.

DRUG SMUGGLING**March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:21)**

KCAL9 reporter Lucia Newman reported on a deadly battle along the Mexican border. Mexican drug runners are fighting a violent battle to control this illegal trade, and many Americans have been murdered.

OC CHURCH ROBBED**March 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:58)**

KCAL9 reporter Mark Sayre reported that police in Fountain Valley were investigating a disturbing robbery that night—donation money was stolen from a local church. And what's worse, parishioners say it's the second time it's happened in three months.

ELDERLY RAPIST CAUGHT**March 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that Sheriff's deputies in Orange County made an arrest in connection with the rape and robbery of an 81-year-old Dana Point woman. The woman was attacked the previous Tuesday, when she came back from a walk around the condominium complex where she lives. The attacker was inside waiting for her.

WEAPONS ARREST**March 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from Westwood that federal agents named a Van Nuys man as the mastermind behind a weapons smuggling scheme. They claim he tried to sell shoulder-fired missiles, rocket propelled grenades and other arms to an FBI informant.

BANK ROBBERY LOCKDOWN**March 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:44)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Sherman Oaks with the latest—police shut down a major San Fernando Valley street, hoping to nab a bank robber. We showed live pictures of the search from Sky-9 which was over the scene at the Sherman Oaks Galleria. The holdup took place at a Bank of the West branch at Ventura & Sepulveda Boulevards.

PARKING VIOLATIONS**March 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:26)**

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that police were adding dozens of officers to traffic control, to crackdown on those who block traffic along some of the most congested streets, by stopping where it says

"No stopping" or "No parking". They'll be handing out citations that carry a \$65 fine, and if the car isn't moved fast enough it will be towed away.

CRIME TASK FORCE

March 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that Compton city officials hoped to put a stop to the alarming increase of murders, gang and drug violence. They were reinstating a task force to tackle the problems.

GLENDALE SUSPECT

March 17, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported live from Glendale with the latest on the parolee arrested by Glendale police. They say he went on a crime spree that included sexual assault, child molestation and burglary. Now they're hoping the public can help keep him behind bars.

AVILA TRIAL

March 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that trial began that day for the man accused of kidnapping, sexually molesting and killing five-year-old Samantha Runnion. The crime took place nearly three years ago, and it triggered the biggest manhunt in Orange County history.

RIV DEPUTY ARRESTED

March 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegenger reported that 32-year-old Angela Parks was arrested on suspicious of conspiracy to commit murder. But no charges had yet been filed.

DRUNK DRIVING

March 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported that LA police said they have a new plan to crack down on drunk driving in the San Fernando Valley. Phillips spoke with people who know the dangers of drinking and driving all too well.

LONG BEACH OFFICER-INVOLVED-SHOOTING

March 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Long Beach, where there was gunfire at a Metro blue line station at PCH that afternoon. A

deputy was alerted to an armed robbery, confronted the possible robbery suspect, shots were fired, and both were wounded.

NARCOTICS BUST

March 24, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Santa Ana that federal agents moved in and took down part of a major drug smuggling ring. Nearly a dozen people were arrested, accused of helping to ship 60-million dollars worth of cocaine around the country each year.

HIGHLAND MURDER UPDATE

March 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Highland on the hunt that continued for two men wanted in a deadly armed robbery in the Inland Empire. Investigators released an enhanced photo of one of the suspects, hoping that someone would recognize him.

LAX EXPLOSIVES

March 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:38)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from LAX with details on the "embarrassing" snafu that took place there. Police left explosive powder unattended after a training exercise at LAX...and a bomb-sniffing dog didn't detect it.

HAHN GANG ENFORCEMENT

March 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Mayor Jim Hahn said he was declaring a war on gangs. He unveiled a new plan at a South LA Boy's and Girl's club. Hahn said he's expanding the gang injunctions, making them citywide. Those injunctions forbid gang members from loitering, possessing weapons, and even drinking alcohol.

IDENTITY THEFT

March 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegner reported live from Riverside with details on the fact that the crime of identity theft is growing everywhere, but especially so in the Inland Empire. So that is where Senator Diane Feinstein went to announce new legislation to protect consumers.

ADAIR GARCIA VERDICT

March 29, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Norwalk, that the jury reached a verdict in the case of a Pico Rivera father accused of killing five of his children. Jurors found Adair Garcia guilty in the multiple murders and the attempted murder of a surviving child.

WEIGHT LOSS

January 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that millions of Americans were making the resolution to lose weight in the New Year. Experts offered some tips for dieters, including having a solid plan and sticking with it.

HIGH-TECH SCALES

January 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported about a new scale which was like a "personal trainer", which could be helpful for the millions of people starting their New Year's diets.

FLU SEASON

January 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that although the year's flu season had been a mild one, experts warned that they expected to see many more cases in the coming weeks, because the particular virus going around this year causes more infections and complications than less severe strains.

NEW DIET GUIDELINES

January 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the government was re-structuring the "food pyramid". She discussed the government's new guidelines and recommendations about what we should eat.

OVERMEDICATED NATION

January 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on the revelations about the National Institute of Health (NIH) and its financial ties to the drug industry. The FDA often relies on them for scientific information, so this cast doubt on recommendations coming from NIH. The drug industry is one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the country.

PROSTATE CANCER

January 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on the fact that millions of American men suffer in silence with an enlarged prostate, but this

should not be a matter of embarrassment—it's something they should talk about, because it is treatable.

MEVACOR DECISION

January 14, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:24)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that an advisory board to the FDA recommended against allowing the drug Mevacor to be sold over-the-counter. Supporters argued that selling it in stores would help fight heart disease more effectively, however panelists feared people would self-medicate, without supervision from a doctor.

PROSTATE SURGERY

January 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the Da Vinci robot was a new minimally invasive technique for removing a cancerous prostate. The recovery time from the traditional surgery can be long and painful, because of the large incisions.

VITAMIN D DEFICIENCY

January 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that though prolonged sun exposure can be dangerous, some doctors were saying that Americans were not spending enough time in the sun, which can cause serious health problems linked to a deficiency in Vitamin D.

WEST NILE WORRIES

January 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from San Bernardino with details on the concern that all the standing water from the previous week's powerful rains could lead to another outbreak of West Nile Virus.

STEM CELL CONTAMINATION

January 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new study found that the stem cell lines approved by President Bush for research were contaminated. But in 2001, Bush said federal dollars could only be used for embryonic stem cell research if scientists used this supply of cells that already existed.

GASTRIC BYPASS DANGER**January 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 3:01)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on one danger of undergoing gastric bypass surgery, which is that some people can lose more weight than they intended.

NEW BLOOD TEST**January 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:40)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new blood test that could one day eliminate painful bone marrow biopsies. The tests developed at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas may also provide more detailed information about leukemia and lymphoma.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY**January 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:23)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new report from the Institute of Medicine finds that childhood obesity is so out of control, it will take a national effort to reverse it. But they insist changes must begin at home. One-third of all American children are overweight, and that is a number that has tripled since 1980.

HEART SMART CONFERENCE**January 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:35)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported details on the very special event held in Los Angeles that day to educate women and screen them for heart disease. Heart disease is the number one killer of women and many don't know they have it.

KAISER/BEXTRA**January 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:15)**

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that while Celebrex got a thumbs up from researchers, another popular painkiller was pulled by a major HMO. Kaiser Permanente said it would no longer prescribe Bextra until it was confident the medication is safe.

CANCER LIST**February 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:22)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that the Department of Health and Human Services released the 11th edition of the federal Report on Carcinogens. Lead and lead compounds, X-rays, compounds found in grilled meats and various substances used in textile dyes, paints and inks are among the new listings.

SUNLIGHT CANCER**February 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:29)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that scientists recently discovered that sunlight may be beneficial in helping to cure the same cancer it can cause! Researchers found that patients with melanoma were more likely to survive the disease if they experience higher levels of sun exposure.

LOWER CHOLESTEROL**February 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:08)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that heart disease kills hundreds of thousands of people every year. She interviewed a man who was on the brink of heart disease due to high cholesterol—but after a ten year battle he now credits his doctor and dietary changes with winning that fight naturally.

WOMEN/MIGRAINES**February 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:46)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new Maryland School of Medicine study shows that women who suffer from migraines may be at greater risk of having a stroke. The National Headache Foundation estimates about 28-million Americans suffer from migraines.

GO RED HEART DAY**February 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:45)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that it was "Go Red" Heart Health Day that day, to bring attention to heart disease as the number one killer of women. One of the many reasons it is the number one killer is because most women and many doctors don't know the signs.

LIQUOR VS. SMOKING**February 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)**

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that three international experts on alcohol say excess drinking is as destructive to your health as smoking and high blood pressure. They say alcohol is linked to more than 60 medical conditions including breast cancer and heart disease.

ALZHEIMERS TEST**February 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that researchers might be one step closer to developing a test to diagnose Alzheimers in the early stages. Alzheimers is difficult to diagnose and is usually only caught after the disease takes hold, and the patient shows symptoms.

So far the test had only been used on a handful of patients, but Alzheimers experts were excited about the possibilities.

COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME

February 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that sitting at a computer for hours at a time can cause vision problems. "Computer Vision Syndrome" as it's called is now even more common than carpal tunnel syndrome.

CBS HEART ULTRASOUND

February 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new and simple way to detect heart problems. Echocardiograms use non-invasive ultrasound to look at the beating heart in two dimensions. Now a high tech ultrasound gives much more information by creating a three-dimensional view of the heart.

RX DRUG PROGRAM

February 12, 9-10pm newscast (1:06)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that help could be on the way for the 36 million Americans who can't afford health insurance. A new discount drug card called, "Together RX Access" promises to make prescription drugs affordable. The card offers up to 40% off retail prices.

ELDERLY INJURIES

February 14, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:55)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the Consumer Product Safety Commission says about 1 ½ million people over 65 are injured each year, mostly from falls, and some die from their injuries. So the agency has started a new education safety campaign, to show seniors and their relatives how to make their homes safer.

DIABETES REVERSED

February 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new procedure claims to actually reverse Diabetes in some patients. About one-million Americans suffer from Type 1 Diabetes, which can be difficult to treat, requiring careful control of blood sugar levels with insulin injections.

BREAST CANCER TEST

February 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on the new potential breast cancer screening of the future, called HEDA, which is being called totally painless and more reliable—and could be better than a mammogram. The new technology involves electrodes attached to the breast, while it measures electrical changes in the breast.

RAIN/DEPRESSION

February 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that all the rainy weather may be affecting your mood. Approximately 10 to 25 million Americans experience Seasonal Affective Disorder. She explained why gray skies can bring on the blues, and what you can do about it.

BREAST CANCER LATEST

February 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reported that the annual Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure to fight breast cancer was taking place the following weekend. It is a time doctors and supporters of the event hope women and men educate themselves about this devastating disease.

MELANOMA TREATMENT

February 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that every year nearly 8,000 Americans die from Melanoma. Usually this form of skin cancer can be treated with surgery, but if the disease spreads there is often little doctors can do. Now a new treatment is being studied and is already producing dramatic results.

BOOST ENERGY NATURALLY

March 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 3:11)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that many people who feel sluggish or have no energy reach for a cup of joe or medications to kick start their body. But Henry explained that there are other, natural options to consider.

BLACK MOLD ALLERGIES

March 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from the Fairfax District that besides the damage to homes, hillsides and roads that the rain caused, the wet and humid weather could also have an impact on our health. Approx. 1 million people in LA County suffer from allergies, and you might be allergic to an after-effect of the rains: black mold.

WEST NILE

March 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported that health officials were fearing an outbreak of West Nile. Some alarming evidence that night: a pool of mosquitoes tested positive for the disease in Ontario. The sample was collected near the intersection of Grove and Philadelphia avenues.

SCHIAVO**March 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:19)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on Terri Schiavo's condition, in her sixth day without food. As of that afternoon, Schiavo was said to be showing signs of dehydration—including flaky skin, dry tongue and lips, and sunken eyes. Medical experts said she was not feeling pain, and could lapse into a coma within a few days.

E-KNEE**March 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:49)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that roughly 400,000 knee replacement surgeries are performed every year in the U.S. Now, to help doctors create the best possible artificial knee, scientists have come up with a tool to help. It's an electronic knee, or an e-knee.

LIVING WILLS**March 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:40)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the case of Terri Schiavo sparked renewed interest in living wills. That is because she did not have one, and as a result her fate was being decided by the courts instead of her husband. The president of the "Living Will Registry" website said normally their site gets about 500 hits but lately they were getting as many as 20,000.

LEAD SAFE HOMES**March 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:47)**

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that a group of homes got a clean bill of health from L.A. County that day—they were renovated and are lead-free. They were renovated as part of the "Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program." There are nearly 5,000 reported cases of lead poisoning in L.A. County.

VITAMIN D**March 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:45)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that research suggests taking extra Vitamin D can protect against dangerous injuries. Experts say everyone over age 65 should take extra Vitamin D. Studies show

senior citizens who take Vitamin D supplements are more stable on their legs and less likely to fall and hurt themselves.

DR. ROBOT**March 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:30)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the future is already here at hospitals across the country. Doctor Robot is helping doctors deal with patient care and crises...from afar.

ALL FAT DIET**March 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:42)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Polish cuisine had never been regarded as healthy, but now one Polish doctor said it could be just what you need to lose weight. It's called the "Optimal Diet", where you eat 250 grams of fat a day. It includes lard, cream and fatty meats, and supposedly works because animal fats provide energy.

SLEEP DEPRIVED**March 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:59)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that if you are getting the recommended amount of sleep—7 to 9 hours a night—then you are in the majority. A new study finds most Americans are falling short and are sleep deprived. If the problem persists, it can have a big impact on your life.

BIRTH CONTROL**March 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:01)**

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that to date, over 26 states introduced bills that would allow pharmacists to refuse contraception prescriptions because of religious or personal beliefs. This action is fueling the battle over reproductive rights